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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been a devoted customer of several CLECs, ISPs using unbundled last-mile copper to provide DSL service, and most recently a competitive ISP that provides me with Gigabit FTTH connectivity that depends on unbundled network elements for backhaul. For the past 20 years, every time I have been in the market for local telephone or internet service, it's been a non-incumbent competitive carrier that has offered me the best service option; faster, more reliable, less expensive. It is abundantly clear that the current rules regarding unbundled network elements have been an essential part of fostering the rapid deployment of the alternatives to my ILEC's offerings over the past several decades; I can't even imagine what sort of primitive services I'd be receiving now if it weren't for the competitive providers ability to offer better service than the ILEC because of their ability and incentive to make better use of the unbundled network elements than the ILEC does.

To change the current rules regarding access to unbundled network elements would clearly be a big mistake. Please don't.

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